The Government of India has also been implementing two schemes for the benefit of children withdrawn from work namely the Scheme of National Child Labour Projects (NCLPs) and the Scheme of Grants-in-aid to Voluntary Organisations. The major activity under the NCLP is the running of Special Schools/centres for rehabilitation of children withdrawn from work through non-formal education, vocational training, nutrition, health care, stipend etc. At present, NCLPs are under implementation in 100 districts in 13 child labour endemic states for the coverage of 2.11 lakh children.

Jan Shikshan Sansthan

1792. SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state whether the scheme of Jan Shikshan Sansthan for improving vocational skills and quality of life under the National Literacy Mission is covering districts with low literacy level as per 2001 census or the scheme is haphazardly undertaken defeating its purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): Jan Shikshan Sansthans are set up with the aim of conducting vocational training and skill upgradation in the areas of programmes of non-formal, adult and Continuing Education. It would also provide academic and technical resource support to Zila Saksharata Samitis in both urban and rural areas. Jan Shikshan Sansthan are sanctioned on the basis of feasibility study reports submitted on proposals of Non-Governmental Organisations, the status of literacy programmes under National Literacy Mission in the Districts and also keeping in view distributive justice among States.

Culture and values in education

1793. SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the main thrust and impact of the scheme to strengthen culture and values in education; and

(b) whether the scheme is being implemented as per its prescribed norms; and if not, the anomalies thereof?